

**Town of Mansfield
Traffic Authority Meeting
July 28, 2015 10:30 am
Approved Minutes**

Present – J. Carrington, L. Painter, F. Raiola, B. LaVoie , D. Dilaj

Absent- Sgt. R. Cournoyer, M. Hart

Guests – N. Stevens, B. Thorne (property owner), B. Kerensky (Leland Alliance), E. Dorgan (property owner), L. Marquet (Leyland via phone)

Approval of 6/30/15 Minutes; – Motion made by Dilaj, seconded by Raiola to approve the minutes of 6/30/15. Passed unanimously.

Business

No.	Item	Action/Disposition
1	Jay Walking near Dog Lane	<i>Carrington talked to ConnDot. ConnDOT/OSTA not willing to budge for additional crosswalk. Carrington will have follow up conversation with contact person. C. van Zelm to write letter to DOT. Van Zelm sent follow up letter to Sawicki at DOT. Letter received from DOT stating it's a not feasible. Carrington to write letter to DOT addressing each item in letter. Continue under old business.</i>
2	Route 275 and 195 Cat Tracking	<i>Street lamp hit twice on the corner within a six week period. Suggestions from Committee was to possibly use a reflective strip on the light, move lamp to the north. Dilaj to check and come back to Committee with recommendations. ConnDot would not authorize cat tracking. J. O'Connor from DOT stated both accidents were not due to the lack of cat tracking. Carrington to look into possibly reflective material on the median and to take pictures of the cat tracking at Routes 32 and 195. Carrington sent e-mail with pictures. Ohlund following up with DOT. DOT will do cat-tracking at some point.</i>

3	Agriculture Signs Throughout Town (K. Paterson)	<i>K. Paterson representing the Agriculture Committee is requesting agriculture signs be posted in multiple areas (due to an accident between a farm vehicle and a motor vehicle). It was requested that the Agriculture Committee come back to the Traffic Authority with a list of areas and that they be prioritized in order of need. Patenaude submitted e-mail with prices for signs. Paterson distributed list of streets that the Ag Committee would like to see signs on. Ag Committee needs to prioritize. General consensus of Committee was if there are too many signs, they have a tendency not to get read. Traffic data will be examined in these areas. Leave as old business.</i>
4	Scoping for the University of Connecticut South Campus Development (L. Painter)	<i>L. Painter presented the new scoping notice to the Traffic Authority with an addition to the Fine Arts building and as part of the scoping road closures are involved. Presentation to be done on March 11th with full comments to the project needed by March 19th. Traffic Authority expressed concerns with the road closures and its impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Route 195. Traffic Authority will need to be kept apprised of all impacts throughout the project. Keep as old business.</i>
5	Move Handicapped Spaces (Storrs Road, Royce Circle) (C. van Zelm) / CVS Loading Zone as Permanent Loading Zone (C. van Zelm) / Striping Area for Buses Outside of Transportation Center (C. van Zelm)	<i>Tenants are concerned the handicapped spaces on the end are not getting cleared from snow. Storrs Road – painting the lines differently would help (flip with the regular space); Royce Circle – curb lines were done specifically for handicapped spots. Possibly make whole area handicapped for the winter with a temporary sign. Plow handicapped spaces during storms. Keep as old business combined with items 11 and 12.</i> <i>Leland hired someone for parking enforcement. Continue to monitor until Phase 2 is done and repairs are made from the construction work. No striping now – continue enforcement as planned. Keep as old business combined with Items 10 and 12.</i> <i>People are parking in the bus spots. Parking enforcement to be done – striping will not be done now. Keep as old business combined with items 10 and 11.</i>

6	Ravine Road (K. Green)	<i>Road is temporarily closed to thru traffic. CL&P has an easement for the power lines. Research to be done for CL&P easement and to check with Town Attorney for abandoning/liability of a Town road. Mr. Drake Smith attended the 5/26/15 meeting with his concerns on keeping the road closed and suggested making the road a One Way Road. The Traffic Authority will bring this up at the next meeting. K. Green expressed there are more issues with her property with the road closed than there were with it open. She is fine with closing it permanently. Waiting to hear back from attorney regarding discontinuing or abandoning roads. E. Dorgan from Ravine Road attended to see what the status was. Plans are to have a neighborhood meeting in the fall to come up with options for the Traffic Authority to discuss. Keep as old business.</i>
7	Plains Road Bridge (K. Green)	<i>K. Green would like a fence on top of the bridge sides to curb the activity on the bridge deck. Problem with that is that it is costly and the only feasible bridge sides would be suicide sides which take approximately three feet away from plowing space. Sgt. Cournoyer will have troopers start monitoring more which will slowly make the activity go away. Dilaj will check out fencing and other options. P. DeSiato stated that there was a trooper at the site the previous evening telling people to leave the bridge. R. Cournoyer told him to keep calling troopers to report down there if he sees any activity. Keep as old business.</i>
8	Road Adjacent to Moe's Make Private/One Way Road	<i>Private Road in back to make one way. Will need to go to PZC as it's a modification to the plan. Entrance would be on the 195 end. C. van Zelm to contact K. Delany (Manager of The Oaks. Willi Waste will have to make sure they have dumpster access. Because this is a State Road the question came up – do we have to ask DOT for approval. Also, the plans would have to be amended with L. Painter. Keep as old business.</i>
9	Additional Handicapped on Royce Circle	<i>Colleen Shashok (on behalf of Janibeth Johnson) read a letter Ms. Johnson wrote about the lack of handicapped spaces in the vicinity of the UConn Health Center and the UConn Dental Offices. Van Zelm will set up a meeting with the UConn Health Center and Carrington to express the public's concern about the lack of the handicapped parking. Extra spaces were given for the Health Center in the Garage. Keep as old business.</i>

10	Traffic Issues – Intersections of Gurleyville Road and Bundy Lane and Bundy Lane and Farrell Road (S. Farrina and B. Thorne)	<i>B. Thorne requested to table the Bundy Lane and Farrell Road portion to a future meeting. It will be on the August meeting agenda. S. Farrina spoke about the increase in traffic at the Gurleyville Road and Bundy Lane intersection. Requested that a three way stop be put into curtail speeding on the Gurleyville portion of the road. Traffic counts and data will be collected. Keep as old business. B. Thorne requested a stop sign at the south side of Bundy Lane. Dilaj will look into and address at a future meeting. Keep as old business.</i>
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NEW BUSINESS

11	7 th Annual Camp Challenge Ride – September 12, 2015 (Hole in the Wall Gang Camp/C. Cerritelli)	Motion made by Painter, seconded by Painter to approve with the standard conditions. Passed unanimously.
12	Handicapped Accessible Parking at the Community Center (N. Stevens)	N. Stevens serves on the Ethics Board but came as a Mansfield Resident. Has concerns about the amount of handicapped spots located at the Community Center and their locations (i.e., upper lot where there are two and a slope to come down to enter the building). Painter will check the building code as to how many are required with the amount of “regular” spaces there are. Consideration will be given to relocate the two spaces in the upper lot. Keep as old business.
13	Audible Crossing Light at N. Eagleville and Separatist Roads (J. Berger)	There is power available at this intersection. This needs to be done with coordination with DOT. Dilaj to follow up with resident.
14	Extension of Wilbur Cross Way Road Closure to August 16 th (B. Kerensky)	B. Kerensky asked to keep the road closed until 8/15 as they are running way behind. Wilbur Cross needs to be opened before the C/O's for those buildings can be issued. Contacted L. Marquet from Leyland via phone – they are pulling their heavy equipment out on Friday. Walk thru will be done either Monday or Tuesday for curbing, etc. C/O's will not be issued until the week of the 17 th . Motion made by Raiola, seconded by Painter to extend the closure contingent upon Carrington / LaVoie recommendations for restoration and no C/O's other than VS-2, if parking is met in the garage. Passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Dilaj/seconded by Raiola to add P. Tuite Separatist Road Speed Bumps to 7/28/15 Agenda. Passed unanimously.

15	Separatist Road Speed Bumps (P. Tuite)	There is power available at this intersection. This needs to be done with coordination with DOT. Study will be done upon completion of the detour and when school is in session (mid-September). Patenaude to follow up with resident.
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Adjournment –Carrington adjourned the meeting at 11:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Patenaude
Public Works Specialist